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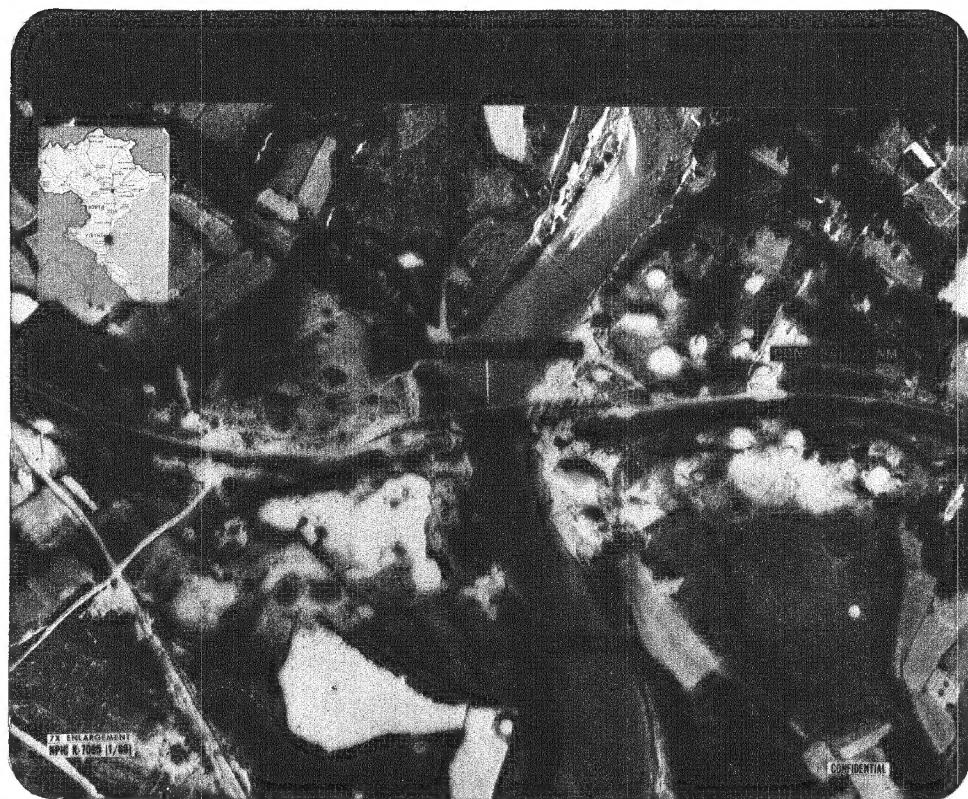


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BRIDGE BY-PASSES  
ROUTE 7, NORTH VIETNAM

SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NEW BRIDGES, FORDS, AND ROADS BEING UTILIZED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO BY-PASS BOTH DESTROYED AND SERVICEABLE BRIDGES, IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ROUTE 7 AS A MAJOR SUPPLY ARTERY AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

REMARKS:

ROUTE 7 EXTENDS GENERALLY WESTWARD FOR 130 MILES FROM A JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 1A NEAR XOM MO TO THE LAOS BORDER, AND IS A MAJOR AVENUE OF APPROACH FROM NORTH VIETNAM INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA OF CENTRAL LAOS. THE ROUTE IS CONSTRUCTED OF SELECTED LOCAL MATERIALS (PROBABLY GRAVEL), [REDACTED] 25X1 IN WIDTH, WITH SHOULDER WIDTHS NOT EXCEEDING [REDACTED] 25X1

MISSION READOUT:

TROJAN HORSE BUDDY 9, 17 JANUARY 1966, REVEALS:

1. A DESTROYED HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1922N 10413E. A FORD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE IS IN USE.
2. A DESTROYED HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1920N 10417E. A FORD LOCATED EAST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE IS IN USE. A SECOND FORD, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE

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FIRST FORD, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. THE BAN CA TANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE EAST OVER THE  
MOUEI CA TANG [REDACTED], LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT  
1919N 10418E, HAS BEEN DESTROYED. TWO FORDS, ONE NORTH AND  
ONE SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE, ARE IN USE.

4. THE BAN TA XA HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM  
[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1917N 10420E, IS IN  
USE, AS IS A FORD WEST OF THE BRIDGE. NO EVIDENCE OF AIR  
STRIKES IS NOTED IN THE AREA.

5. THE KHE KIEN HIGHWAY BRIDGE WEST OVER THE NAM  
KIEN [REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1916N 10421E,  
HAS BEEN DESTROYED. TWO FORDS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF  
THE BRIDGE, ARE IN USE.

6. A HIGHWAY BRIDGE LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10424E  
IN THE VICINITY OF BAN MOUEI CHA LONG HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND  
IS NOT IN USE. A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE WEST OF THE DAMAGED  
BRIDGE IS IN USE.

7. THE BAN TIANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE WEST OVER STREAM  
[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10428E, IS IN USE,  
AS ARE TWO BY-PASS ROADS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE.  
NEITHER THE BRIDGE NOR BY-PASS ROADS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY AIR  
STRIKES.

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S. THE BAN TIANE HIGHWAY BRIDGE EAST OVER STREAM  
[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10429E, IS  
IN USE. A BY-PASS ROAD IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF THE  
BRIDGE. NO EVIDENCE OF AIR STRIKES IS OBSERVED.

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